

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed) and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways & Means

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Beyer, Kruse, Roblan, Hass

Nays: 0

Exc.: Knopp

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Meeting Dates: 5/14, 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes continuing teacher license; creates professional teacher license, teacher leader license. Mandates that Oregon Education Investment Board determine a career pathway structure for educational assistants to become licensed teachers, no later than July 1, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Contribution of educational assistants to classrooms and schools
- Desire of some educational assistants to remain assistants
- Measure as allowing “good teachers to continue teaching.”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Abolishes continuing teacher license; creates Professional teacher license, Teacher leader license. Mandates that the Oregon Education Investment Board determine a career pathway structure for educational assistants to become licensed teachers, no later than July 1, 2014.

BACKGROUND: In Oregon, teacher licensure is supervised by the Teacher Standards and Practice Commission (TSPC). The TSPC was established in 1965 to maintain and improve performance in the education profession by approving teacher preparation programs offered by Oregon colleges and universities; by licensing teachers, administrators and other personnel employed in Oregon schools; and, by taking disciplinary actions when educators commit crimes or violate Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance. Currently, some other states offer a separate endorsement to recognize professional achievement for different types of classroom educators and professionals.

House Bill 3254-A creates two new license categories (professional teacher and teacher leader) and abolishes a third (continuing teacher).